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Moderator

Bro. J. M. Hyche
Clerk

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The Mud Creek Baptist Association met with Hopewell Church pursuant to adjournment of the last session on Thursday October 16, 1884 for the purpose of holding its Thirteenth Annual Session at 12:00 Noon.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. I. Gilbert from Luke XVII, verse

2. On motion the Association adjourned until 3:00 o'clock P. M. After the delegates assembled, the Moderator not being present, on motion Elder J. I. Gilbert was appointed Moderator until permanently organized. A hymn was sung, prayer by Elder A. White.

3. Letters from the various churches were laid on the table and Bro. J. M. Hyche was appointed to assist in reading the letters from the various churches.

The messengers appear on the last page of these Minutes.

4. The Association was permanently organized by electing Rev. J. I. Gilbert Moderator and Bro. J. M. Hyche Clerk.

On motion Elder B. S. Thompson was received from the North River Church without a letter.

6. Petitionary letters were called for from the churches desiring admittance into our body. Received from Hopewell Church and Freewill Church a letter of Dismission from the North River Association with a letter and delegates asking membership with us.

Also a Petitionary Letter from Henry ~~W.~~ Smith Church newly constituted with delegates asking membership with us. On motion they were received and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates and they were welcomed with us.

7. On motion all ministers were received as delegates.

8. Appointed as a Committee on Devotions Bros. John N. Hendrix, W. P. Salter, T. H. Smith and the deacons of the church.

9. Received correspondence as follows: From North River Association Bro. John J. Butler and T. B. Vandiver with letter and minutes; Harmony Bro. Miles J. Parsons with letter and minute; Canaan Association Elder Manly Waldrop, R. S. Waldrop, Elder H. G. Smith, J. C. Riley, T. D. Reeves, J. R. Reeves, and J. J. Waldrop.

10. Returned correspondence: North River Elder A. White, J. M. Howton, W. P. Salter, W. C. Gilmore, and T. B. Vandiver; Tuscaloosa Association Elder B. S. Thompson, J. W. Howton, W. M. Allman, E. T. Harris, and J. D. Salter.

11. Received the Report of the Committee on Devotions as follows: Preaching at early candle light by Elder M. Waldrop followed by Elder A. White. - J. M. Hendrix, Chairman.

12. On motion the Association adjourned until half past nine o'clock on Friday morning.

SECOND DAY - MORNING SESSION

The body was called to order by the Moderator at 9:30 o'clock A. M. A hymn was sung and prayer by Elder C. F. Allman was offered.

1. The following committees were appointed: On Documents Elder A. White, J. M. Gilbert, and R. F. Vines.

On Nominations M. M. Gwin, John J. Butler, and W. N. Allman.

On Finance W. P. Salter, John Batson, and L. X. Smith.

On Home Missions Elder B. S. Thompson, C. F. Allman, and William Gilbert.

On Temperance J. K. P. Faird, J. W. Howton,

On Sunday Schools S. A. Parsons, J. A. Markham, and Thomas Burchfield.

On Deceased Members B. S. Thompson, John Batson, and E. T. Harris.

2. Bro. Judson Wallace was received from as correspondence from the Canaan Association.

3. Received the report of the Committee on Devotions as follows: Preaching at 11:00 o'clock by Rev. H. G. Smith followed by Elder J. N. McFall's.

4. On motion the reports of the Committees on Documents and also of Finance were received.

5. Received the report of the Committee on Documents as follows:

Report of Committee on Documents

We, your Committee on Documents, beg leave to report as follows: That we have carefully examined the letters from the various churches and find that nothing claims our attention except a request from Mud Creek Church for the next session of the Association.

Elder A. White, Ch.

6. On motion Bro. C. B. Gwin was received as a delegate from New Providence Church.

7. Resolved: That each church in this Association be allowed five delegates.

8. The Committee on Home Missions submitted their report as follows:

Report of Committee on Home Missions

We, your Committee on Home Missions, beg leave to report that we recommend that we support the Home Mission and in advancement to the cause being advanced by the Board and that we approve 2nd to strive to do all in the power towards the advancement of Christ our King here on earth. We advocate that we correspond with the State Missionary Board for further satisfaction.

B. S. Thompson, Chairman.

After some discussion the report was tabbed.

9. The letter from Sardis Church was read and the delegates were seated.

Reports

The regular order of business was suspended for the purpose of hearing a letter read from An-

tioch Chirch. Letter read and the delegates enro-
ed.

Treasurer's Report

Paid Elder B. S. Thompson \$85.05 for their work
and to Elder M. M. Wood \$16.95.

Received New Providence, Sardis, and Antioch chur-
ches.

10. On motion the regular order of business was sus-
pended for the purpose of inviting newly constituted
churches into our body.

Received from Pleasant Ridge Church a petition-
ary letter and the delegates enro-
ed. On motion the church was received and the right hand of fellow-
ship was extended to the delegates by the Moderator and
their names enro-
ed.

11. Received the report of the Committee on Nomi-
nations as follows:

Report of Committee on Nominations

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to
report that we find a request fro Mud Creek Church
asking that the next session of this body be held
with that church. We recommend that the next session
be held with that church and that Elder C. F. Am-
man preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder J. N. Mc-
Falls alternate, at 11:00 o'clock; and that the Mis-
sionary Sermon be preached by Elder A. White, Elder
T. A. Norwood, alternate. M. M. Gwin, Chairman.

12. Received the Report of the Committee on Tem-
perance as follows:

Report of Committee on Temperance

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to
report as follows: That the churches of this Asso-
ciation use all their influence against the great
evil of intemperance and withdraw from any brother
who uses intoxicating liquors as a beverage. We
further recommend that the several churches of the
Association use all their influence to stop the
sale of intoxicating liquors, especially outside
of an incorporated city or town. - J. K. P. Baird, Ch.

13. On motion the report of the Committee on Tem-
perance was unanimously adopted.

14. The letter from New Providence Church was read
and the delegates enro-
ed.

15. Received and adopted the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools as follows:

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to report as follows: We believe that the work of the Sabbath School is a work that belongs to the children of God. Their duty is to take their children and their neighbors' children to the house of worship and then read the word of God laboring in love for instruction about the plan of salvation, and praying for the Spirit's power to have proper effect on the minds of the young and rising generation, because God has commanded us to raise our children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Dear Brethren, our children will not become interested in that which we are not interested in. As we have only monthly meetings we should engage the minds of the young on the Lord's Day in Bible study. If we want our children to become interested we should become interested ourselves reading the word of God, and then read and talk with them about the Scriptural way of salvation. As in last year's report it will be a sad day when all shall have concluded that they have studied the Scriptures enough.

We feel that discipline is fast leaving the pews of the church because the church government is fast passing out of the hands of the aged of the land who study the Scriptures and into the hands of the young men. Now again to be better informed we will have to study the Scriptures on the Lord's Day with our children.

We believe that no literature of any kind should be admitted in the Sabbath School study until the minds of the young have been sufficiently enlightened to read the Scriptures.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. Parsons, Chairman

16. On motion the body adjourned until 2:30 P. M.

Evening Session

The body was called to order at 2:30 P. M. by the Moderator. A hymn was sung and prayer offered by Elder J. A. Markham.

17. The regular order of business was suspended to

for the purpose of reading a letter from Antioch Church. The letter was read and the delegates enroled.

Treasurer's Report

2. Paid to Elder B. S. Thompson \$85.05 for Itinerant work and to Elder M. M. Wood \$6.75.
- Respectfully,
3. Bro. M. M. Gwin, Chairman.
4. Received and adopted the report of the Committee on Deceased Members as follows:

Report of Committee on Deceased Members

We, your Committee on Deceased Members, beg leave to report as follows: We find that since the last meeting of the Association the following deaths have occurred: Sister Hannah Parsons, Jane A. Burchfield, Bro. L. Fox, Sister Eliza Bruner, Mary E. Lawrence, A. A. Patterson, and Milinda Glaze, all of whom were distinguished members of this Association. We sincerely mourn their loss, but we do not mourn as those who have no hope. therefore, we submit to the will of God; but we would admonish one another to run the Christian race looking to Jesus who is the author of our Faith. We truly sympathize with the bereaved ones, hoping ere long to meet them where parting will be no more.

Respectfully,

B. S. Thompson, Chairman.

5. Received the report of the Committee on Devotions as follows:
- Preaching at 4:00 o'clock P. M. by W. C. Gilmore followed by J. A. Markham; at candle light by Elder Judson Waldrop followed by Elder J. I. Gilbert.
6. On motion the two last resolutions of last year's session were stricken out.
7. Received the report of the Committee on Finance as follows:

Report of Committee on Finance

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report that after a careful examination of the amount of money sent up from the several churches here represented

we find the sum of \$25.75 for minutes.
Respectfully,

W. P. Salter, Chairman.

8. On motion the funds were all turned over to the Treasurer.

9. On motion the Clerk was allowed \$8.00 for his services and to have as many Minutes, together with the Constitution, the Abstracts of Faith, and the Rules of Decorum as the balance of the money will get.

10. By request of Bro. M. M. Gwin a collection was taken up for Bros. B. S. Thompson and H. G. Smith amounting to \$4.80 each.

11. On motion the Association adjourned until half past 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

Third Day - Morning Session

The body was called to at 9:30 o'clock A. M. by the Moderator. A hymn was sung and prayer was offered by the Moderator.

1. The report of the Committee on Devotions was as follows: Preaching at night by Bro. Huckabee, followed by Bro. White.

2. Bro. N. Pool was seated from the Henry Smith Church in the body.

3. Resolved that the following Article be adopted by this body:

State of Alabama
Jefferson County

To Whom These Presents May Concern, Greeting:

Whereas there is an impostor sprung up in the Mud Creek Association by the name of John H. Moody an Ordained Baptist Minister of the Gospel described as follows: Said Moody is about 5 feet 8 inches tall, dark complexion, large eyes, and full of jesting. We suppose that he is in possession of one of the Minutes of the Mud Creek Baptisry Association said Moddy Moderator and also a letter from Oak grove Church and a letter from Hopewell Church. We think that the evidence given is sufficient to detect him. Therefore, we feel it our duty in consequence of said Moody's unchristian conduct in

many respects too tedious to mention. We make this publication for the cause of Christ's Kingdom here on earth.

We recommend that a copy of the within be sent to the Alabama Baptisry and the Tennessee Baptist for publication.

On motion the above article was unanimously adopted.

4. On motion the Clerk was instructed to correct the mistake in and strike out the 14th Article in the Constitution.

Resolved: That the 13th Article be stricken out and that the 14th Article be made to read as follows: Querries that concern the union of the churches and are introduced by a proper motion of the body be taken up and decided by this body.

Adjourned to meet with Mud Creek Church on Friday October 15, 1885 at 11:00 o'clock A. M.

Elder J. I. Gilbert Bro. J. M. Hyche
Moderator Clerk

Note: I copied the Proceedings of this Annual Session of the Association for the year 1884 from the microfilm in the library at Howard College on October 15th 1959.

Respectfully,

W. B. Parsons.





